

EXTERNAL TRADE OF QUEENSLAND.Three Months Ended 30th September, 1956.

The external trade of Queensland during the three months ended 30th September, 1956, recorded an excess of exports over imports of £10.3m., which was £3.9m. greater than the balance for the corresponding period of 1955. The improved balance was due to a rise in exports from £66.4m. to £68.8m., and a decrease in imports from £60.0m. to £58.6m.

Overseas trade showed a balance of exports for the three months of £28,098,000, which was £2,854,000 greater than the favourable balance in the corresponding three months of 1955. The improved position was chiefly due to a decrease from £16,510,000 to £13,743,000 in overseas imports, as overseas exports at £41,841,000 were practically unchanged. The improvement of £1,013,000 in the balance of trade with other States (in the form of a fall from £18,858,000 to £17,845,000 in the quarter's excess of imports over exports) was due, on the other hand, to increased exports, while imports were more than maintained. Interstate exports were worth £26,986,000, compared with £24,641,000 in the September quarter of 1955, but the increase was partly offset by a rise in interstate imports from £43,499,000 to £44,831,000.

The trade position for the quarter ended 30th September, 1956, is summarised below, with corresponding figures for the three months ended 30th September, 1955, in brackets for comparison.

				<u>Thousand £.</u>			
				<u>Exports.</u>	<u>Imports.</u>	<u>Excess of Exports.</u>	
<u>Overseas and Interstate Trade.</u>							
Overseas	..	..	..	41,841 (41,754)	13,743 (16,510)	28,098	(25,244)
Other States	..	..	..	26,986 (24,641)	44,831 (43,499)	17,845*	(18,858*)
Total Trade	..	..	..	68,827 (66,395)	58,574 (60,009)	10,253	(6,386)
<u>Main Commodity Groups.</u>							
Foodstuffs of animal origin				11,337 (13,326)	938 (1,130)	10,399	(12,196)
Foodstuffs, &c. of vegetable origin	..	..	..	20,664 (17,770)	4,356 (4,110)	16,308	(13,660)
Animal & vegetable substances (not foodstuffs)	..	..	..	21,116 (17,929)	4,602 (3,843)	16,514	(14,086)
Apparel and textiles	..	..	..	1,221 (1,175)	9,618 (10,444)	8,397*	(9,269*)
Oils, fats, and waxes	..	..	..	1,238 (1,189)	3,594 (3,783)	2,356*	(2,594*)
Minerals, metals, and manufactures thereof	..	..	..	9,909 (10,380)	22,805 (23,615)	12,896*	(13,235*)
Other items	..	..	..	3,342 (4,626)	12,661 (13,084)	9,319*	(8,458*)
All Items	..	..	..	68,827 (66,395)	58,574 (60,009)	10,253	(6,386)

\* Excess of imports.

Compared with the corresponding three months of the previous year, overseas exports during the September quarter of 1956 of wheat (£1,695,452), sorghum (£301,180), sugar (£7,252,664), and wool (£13,924,671) showed increases respectively of £786,893, £269,675, £325,558, and £1,688,076; but these increases were offset by decreased exports of meat (£7,566,295), and fruit, preserved in liquid or pulped, (£528,945), which decreased by £2,071,193 and £488,901 respectively. While overseas exports were in total little changed, interstate exports were over £2m. greater than in the corresponding quarter of 1955, exports to other States of fresh vegetables (£1,581,242), sugar (£6,671,095), and unmanufactured tobacco (£1,611,282) having risen by £515,163, £512,548, and £1,352,621 respectively, while the only item to show a substantial decrease was butter (£791,838), the value of which was £219,981 lower.

Most items of overseas imports showed lower figures in the September quarter of 1956 than in the corresponding quarter of 1955. Relatively greatest decrease was in apparel and textiles which decreased from £3,115,663 to £2,137,869. Overseas imports of petroleum and shale oils fell from £1,908,243 to £1,217,201 (but this decrease was almost

made up by an increase in imports of this item from other States). Motor vehicles, cycles, and parts from overseas fell from £2,127,496 to £1,747,748, but tractors and parts at £785,253 showed a small increase. The only item to show a big increase was tea which rose from £212,315 to £581,747. Imports from other States were worth £1.3m. more than in the September quarter of 1955. The most important changes were an increase of £686,191 in wool (£1,306,718), mostly greasy wool brought from New South Wales to Brisbane sales, and an increase of £505,401 in petroleum and shale oils (£1,527,982). Motor vehicles and cycles and parts, and apparel, each valued at nearly £4m., were both slightly less in total value than in the corresponding quarter of 1955.

Tables.

The tables attached hereto provide more detailed figures of the overseas and interstate trade of Queensland during the quarters ended 30th September, 1955 and 1956, respectively. Table 1 shows values of exports, Table 2 values of imports, and Table 3 quantities of certain commodities exported and imported.

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Table 1.

Value of Exports from Queensland, Three Months Ended September, 1955 and 1956.

Commodity.	Three Months Ended September, 1955.		Three Months Ended September, 1956.	
	To Overseas.	To Other States.	To Overseas.	To Other States.
	£	£	£	£
Beef & veal, fresh or pres. by cold process	6,216,394	204,922	4,913,953	458,472
Other meat, &c. " " " " " "	548,650	88,148	491,254	82,647
Bacon and hams .. .. .	29,932	199,528	19,273	195,651
Meat, poultry, &c. - preserved in tins, &c.	2,842,512	144,822	2,141,815	265,730
Butter .. .. .	1,376,338	1,011,819	1,248,933	791,838
Cheese .. .. .	49,702	156,557	32,851	154,431
Eggs, in shell or pulped .. .. .	61,637	-	50,840	-
Other foodstuffs of animal origin .. .. .	266,025	129,542	329,990	159,075
<u>Total foodstuffs of animal origin .. .. .</u>	<u>11,391,190</u>	<u>1,935,338</u>	<u>9,228,909</u>	<u>2,107,844</u>
Wheat .. .. .	908,559	258	1,695,452	3,611
Sorghum .. .. .	31,505	10,530	301,180	32,610
Other grains, unprepared or simply prepared	190,943	92,179	139,901	113,803
Flour, wheaten .. .. .	274,239	79,335	258,166	133,380
Vegetables, fresh .. .. .	5,773	1,066,079	7,195	1,581,242
Fruit, fresh .. .. .	2,509	292,136	4,966	264,656
Fruit, preserved in liquid or pulped .. .. .	1,017,846	484,624	528,945	625,252
Peanuts, including paste .. .. .	-	294,985	-	476,898
Sugar, raw or refined .. .. .	6,427,106	6,158,547	7,252,664	6,671,095
Other foodstuffs of veg. origin, beverages	84,845	347,522	164,639	408,575
<u>Total foodstuffs of vegetable origin and beverages .. .. .</u>	<u>8,943,325</u>	<u>8,826,195</u>	<u>10,353,108</u>	<u>10,311,122</u>
Tobacco, unmanufactured .. .. .	12,159	258,661	788	1,611,282
Manufactures of tobacco .. .. .	4,047	118,836	6,701	135,933
Live animals .. .. .	40,506	3,742,942	51,513	3,642,103
Hides and skins .. .. .	385,754	438,550	442,976	267,678
Wool, greasy or scoured .. .. .	12,236,595	190,425	13,924,671	321,609
Other animal substances, not food .. .. .	234,446	63,188	298,399	88,049
Vegetable subs. & fibres, incl. raw cotton	46,517	155,909	203,340	121,602
<u>Total animals, animal and vegetable sub- stances, tobacco .. .. .</u>	<u>12,960,024</u>	<u>4,968,511</u>	<u>14,928,388</u>	<u>6,188,256</u>
Yarns, piece goods, and textiles .. .. .	19,069	401,860	11,765	401,788
Apparel .. .. .	15,558	738,958	24,004	783,393
Tallow .. .. .	111,153	253,971	183,304	105,968
Animal and vegetable oils and fats .. .. .	66,136	274,581	70,169	216,113
Oils, fats, and waxes, n.e.i. .. .. .	312,587	170,626	358,977	303,810
Coal .. .. .	-	171,660	-	66,199
Copper - blister, ingots, scrap, &c. .. .. .	1,999,863	1,776,056	1,161,345	1,452,960
Lead, in metallic form or matte .. .. .	1,848,155	78	2,443,461	61
Titanium and Zirconium ores, sands, &c. .. .. .	1,035,067	118	1,659,779	312
Other metals, ores, sands, & concentrates	1,052,306	408,529	486,484	289,530
Motor vehicles & cycles, cycles, & parts .. .. .	29,523	717,113	52,269	582,276
Machines and machinery .. .. .	89,968	601,772	154,856	669,755
Other metal manufactures .. .. .	148,631	501,116	144,201	745,348
Rubber and rubber manufactures .. .. .	17,180	808,193	16,025	656,656
Leather and leather manufactures .. .. .	55,853	174,572	66,828	204,686
Timber, including logs .. .. .	58,533	149,622	22,542	99,099
Plywood and veneers .. .. .	24,475	836,636	26,964	871,600
Other items, n.e.i. .. .. .	1,575,501	925,542	447,835	929,496
<u>Total other commodities .. .. .</u>	<u>8,459,558</u>	<u>8,911,003</u>	<u>7,330,808</u>	<u>8,379,050</u>
<u>Total value of all exports .. .. .</u>	<u>41,754,097</u>	<u>24,641,047</u>	<u>41,841,213</u>	<u>26,986,272</u>

Table 2.

Value of Imports into Queensland, Three Months Ended September, 1955 and 1956.

Commodity.	Three Months Ended September, 1955.		Three Months Ended September, 1956.	
	From Overseas.	From Other States.	From Overseas.	From Other States.
	£	£	£	£
Meat, poultry, &c. - fresh or preserved ..	-	103,918	37	115,159
Milk and cream, including infants' food ..	70	544,599	1,839	512,728
Fish, fresh or preserved .. .. .	197,209	99,123	99,564	76,573
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	12,326	172,730	13,128	118,342
<u>Total foodstuffs of animal origin ..</u>	<u>209,605</u>	<u>920,370</u>	<u>114,568</u>	<u>822,802</u>
Potatoes, fresh .. .. .	-	273,152	-	297,507
Other fresh vegetables .. .. .	-	119,669	1,177	132,386
Fruit, fresh .. .. .	-	369,198	-	376,512
Fruit, dried or evaporated .. .. .	2,244	118,691	1	97,241
Fruit & vegetables, preserved in liquid, &c.	8,308	344,416	11,693	417,914
Tea .. .. .	212,315	66,533	581,747	3,468
Coffee and cocoa .. .. .	32,103	191,300	30,784	206,721
Confectionery .. .. .	2,253	589,957	2,499	581,528
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	54,929	1,068,776	52,199	1,059,333
Ale, beer, and porter .. .. .	3,025	348,048	2,299	179,887
Wine and spirits .. .. .	29,854	274,914	25,985	294,855
<u>Total foodstuffs, &amp;c., of vegetable origin</u>	<u>345,011</u>	<u>3,764,654</u>	<u>708,384</u>	<u>3,647,352</u>
Tobacco, manufactured or unmanufactured ..	63,644	1,939,495	11,506	1,855,774
Live animals .. .. .	120	915,498	1,428	1,013,271
Wool, greasy or scoured .. .. .	-	620,527	-	1,306,718
Other animal & veg. subs., mainly unmanufd.	117,845	185,645	150,764	262,943
<u>Total animals, animal and vegetable sub-</u> <u>stances, tobacco .. .. .</u>	<u>181,609</u>	<u>3,661,165</u>	<u>163,698</u>	<u>4,438,706</u>
Yarns, threads, cordage, and twines ..	90,531	274,608	86,390	301,806
Bags and sacks .. .. .	1,087,354	110,475	732,062	120,871
Piece goods, blankets, and towels ..	1,475,038	1,458,063	1,038,249	1,663,978
Linoleum .. .. .	150,069	146,892	97,106	105,153
Carpets and floor coverings, n.e.i. ..	125,751	189,059	60,971	190,216
Textiles, n.e.i. .. .. .	66,425	498,398	41,213	520,261
Footwear .. .. .	25,716	816,809	10,596	883,719
Apparel, n.e.i. .. .. .	94,779	3,834,350	71,282	3,694,371
<u>Total yarns, fibres, textiles, &amp; apparel</u>	<u>3,115,663</u>	<u>7,328,654</u>	<u>2,137,869</u>	<u>7,480,575</u>
Kerosene .. .. .	293,251	12,236	271,853	5,833
Lubricating mineral oil .. .. .	94,372	168,009	169,743	69,372
Petroleum and shale oils .. .. .	1,908,243	1,022,581	1,217,201	1,527,982
Oils, fats, and waxes, n.e.i. .. .. .	95,997	188,720	25,757	306,299
Pigments, paints, varnishes .. .. .	61,927	500,958	95,425	455,320
<u>Total oils, paints, &amp;c. .. .. .</u>	<u>2,453,790</u>	<u>1,892,504</u>	<u>1,779,979</u>	<u>2,364,806</u>
Rocks and minerals .. .. .	108,046	180,995	32,648	117,350
Iron and steel, plate and sheet, galv., &c.	88,876	852,169	-	677,972
" " " " " " " " other ..	378,217	583,758	431,988	654,630
" " " " " " " " , pipes and tubes ..	49,906	536,802	14,231	329,889
" " " " " " " " , other .. .. .	419,700	1,629,813	326,174	1,663,053
Non-ferrous metals .. .. .	18,972	454,324	16,167	320,173
Kitchenware, including heating appliances	53,344	290,924	27,762	360,122
Hardware, including tools .. .. .	129,908	902,268	124,876	961,963
Other metal manufactures, except machinery	323,618	908,431	281,756	685,727
Railway and tramway vehicles, incl. locos.	23,612	140,556	163,991	93,911
Motor vehicles & cycles, cycles, and parts	2,127,496	4,162,810	1,747,748	3,993,410
Tractors and parts .. .. .	720,720	848,676	785,253	880,156
Electrical apparatus and machinery ..	633,209	2,000,915	511,014	2,667,853
Household machines .. .. .	52,443	1,035,647	45,892	1,384,658
Agricultural, &c. machines and implements	248,578	907,235	224,212	688,250
Other machinery .. .. .	1,190,148	1,612,358	1,033,889	1,558,424
<u>Total minerals, metals, metal manuf., &amp;c.</u>	<u>6,566,793</u>	<u>17,047,681</u>	<u>5,767,601</u>	<u>17,037,541</u>



Table 2 (continued).

Value of Imports into Queensland, Three Months Ended September, 1955 and 1956.

Commodity.	Three Months Ended September, 1955.		Three Months Ended September, 1956.	
	From Overseas.	From Other States.	From Overseas.	From Other States.
	£	£	£	£
Rubber tyres and tubes .. ..	30,904	1,000,643	55,851	1,125,835
Other rubber and rubber manufactures ..	546,371	333,896	313,292	329,206
Timber, including logs .. ..	244,165	45,505	174,221	52,363
Furniture, wood and wicker manufactures ..	26,338	96,460	33,528	60,976
Portland cement .. ..	436	1,434	1,327	455
Glass and glassware .. ..	152,310	135,282	153,346	156,141
Crockery and household ware, n.e.i. ..	143,618	91,965	123,535	69,506
Other earthenware, china, stoneware, &c. ..	46,982	195,878	29,032	177,580
Paper, paper boards, pulp .. ..	640,517	768,348	593,838	701,862
Stationery and paper manufactures, books ..	221,013	622,952	261,948	660,915
Jewellery, &c., fancy and sporting goods ..	236,131	730,966	154,597	765,570
Scientific instruments and appliances ..	95,706	297,247	91,138	304,450
Medical & toilet preparations, soap, drugs, &c.	46,924	1,669,225	48,615	1,660,418
Fertilisers .. ..	188,814	490,874	153,531	495,987
Other drugs and chemicals .. ..	150,893	807,861	212,146	1,033,035
Other goods .. ..	865,923	1,595,787	670,657	1,445,460
<u>Total other commodities .. ..</u>	<u>3,637,100</u>	<u>8,884,323</u>	<u>3,070,602</u>	<u>9,039,759</u>
<u>Total value of all imports .. ..</u>	<u>16,509,571</u>	<u>43,499,351</u>	<u>13,742,701</u>	<u>44,831,341</u>

Table 3.

Quantities of Certain Commodities Exported and Imported, Queensland,  
Three Months Ended September, 1956.

Commodity.	Unit.	Total Exports.	Total Imports.
Beef and veal - fresh, chilled, or frozen ..	cwt.	741,012	n
Meat, poultry, &c. - preserved in tins, &c. ..	cwt.	154,146	5,338
Milk and cream, incl. infants' and invalids' food	cwt.	n	23,884
Fish, fresh or preserved .. ..	cwt.	n	10,654
Butter .. ..	cwt.	114,923	n
Wheat .. ..	bushels	2,488,752	299
Maize .. ..	bushels	125,040	n
Millet and panicum .. ..	tons	4,628	n
Sorghum .. ..	tons	17,843	n
Flour, wheaten .. ..	tons	13,188	n
Potatoes .. ..	tons	n	2,462
Pineapples, fresh .. ..	bushels	179,783	n
Dates, raisins, sultanas, &c. ..	lb.	n	596,242
Other dried or evaporated fruits .. ..	lb.	129,273	631,809
Pineapples, preserved in liquid .. ..	cwt.	112,588	n
Other fruit preserved in liquid .. ..	cwt.	23,203	21,090
Peanuts, including peanut paste .. ..	lb.	7,254,093	n
Sugar, raw or refined .. ..	tons	317,070	n
Tea .. ..	lb.	n	2,591,494
Confectionery .. ..	lb.	n	3,455,621
Ale, beer, and porter .. ..	gallons	n	222,633
Tobacco, unmanufactured .. ..	lb.	441,196	2,980,979
Cattle .. ..	number	133,575	42,264
Sheep .. ..	number	82,225	52,043
Wool, greasy .. ..	lb.	38,961,505	4,040,272
Wool, scoured, &c. .. ..	lb.	2,587,616	24,689
Kerosene .. ..	gallons	n	4,923,624
Other fuel oils .. ..	gallons	n	35,100,039
Timber, including logs .. ..	sup. ft.	2,021,823	7,121,032
Plywood .. ..	sq. ft.	18,486,307	n
Veneers .. ..	sq. ft.	4,241,708	n

n Not recorded separately, but nil or only a small quantity.